

# AG INFO SCAVENGER HUNT

User-friendly information on cutting-edge ag research—where do you find it?

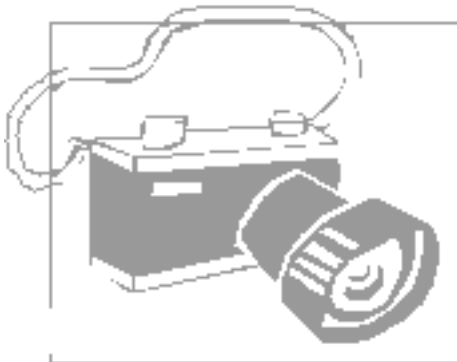
Hint—start with [www.ars.usda.gov/news](http://www.ars.usda.gov/news)

Take a look at the following questions. First one in the class to deliver the right answers takes the prize. TEACHERS—how 'bout it?



## Ready, set, surf's up!

- 1** Agricultural Research magazine is published by the \_\_\_\_\_ and is available \_\_\_\_\_ on this web site.



- 2** Where can you find some basic information about the Agricultural Research Service? Tell a little about the Agency.

- 3** A pamphlet on ARS Collections is available. When was it published, how many pages is it, and how much does it cost?

- 4** List three general sources for articles on children's nutrition research.

**5** Find a picture of a sow and her piglets for your report on swine breeding. How can you obtain it?



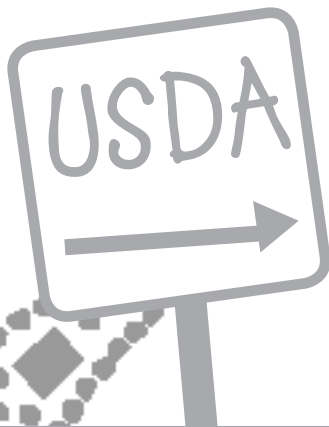
**6** Want to be a scientist? Find career information for a variety of disciplines in agriculture.



**7** Trap grease is being used as a source of \_\_\_\_\_.



**8** You need to check out a news story on colony collapse disorder, the ailment that is threatening our honey bee population. The story was issued during the summer of 2009. Give its title.



**9** Tell how to find the ARS location closest to your school.



**10** Find a picture of ladybugs in the Image Gallery. Count them.



**11** Where do you go when you need info on cutting-edge ag research?



**12** Name 3 ways you can use this web site to help you.

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## Answer Key

(All directions start from [www.ars.usda.gov/news](http://www.ars.usda.gov/news))

- (1) Agricultural Research Service, electronically. (Click on “Magazine” in the left column.)
- (2) Click on “About ARS” at the top. ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s chief scientific research agency. Its job is to find solutions to agricultural problems that affect Americans every day. ARS has about 100 research locations, 1,200 research projects, and 2,100 scientists.
- (3) September 2009; 16 pages; single copies free. (Enter “ARS Collections” in the search box at the top.)
- (4) Food and Nutrition Research Briefs; Agricultural Research magazine; News Archive. Click on “Search News & Events” and enter “children” as your key word. You can also find nutrition information in the “Briefing Room.”
- (5) Access the “Animals” section under “Image Gallery.” See Image Number K7974-18. All photos in the Image Gallery are available for direct downloading in black and white OR in color if you have a color printer. FREE!
- (6) Click on “Careers,” then on “USDA Living Science” in “Related Links” at the right or click on “Science for Kids,” then on “Cool Careers.” (There's lots of cool stuff on the Sci4Kids site, including dozens of creative stories and ideas for science fair projects. Check it out!)
- (7) Biofuel –There are many references to this research on the website. One you’re sure to like can be found at [www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids/transportation/story9/index.htm](http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids/transportation/story9/index.htm).
- (8) “Honey Bees with Colony Collapse Disorder Show their Genes,” August 24, 2009. A video and Q and A’s on colony collapse disorder are also available. (Check out the “Video Archive” and the “Briefing Room.”)
- (9) Click “Home” at the top, then on the “Locations” link to access the ARS locations map. Research sites are provided. The web sites maintained by individual ARS research laboratories provide excellent technical resource material.
- (10) The picture is Image Number K4249-1 under “Insects.” Just kidding about the count!
- (11) [www.ars.usda.gov/news](http://www.ars.usda.gov/news)
- (12) Current events in agricultural research, ideas for written and oral report topics, resources for research reports and science fair projects, photos to download for reports, to learn about careers in agricultural research, for personal information about everyday topics.